If you please we can compromise the matter with Bro S. S. Foster thus— you can come to Syracuse — on the 20 and stay with us until the morning of the 25 — then be at West Winfield before noon of that day — stay there until the morning of the 27 — Easily get to Peterborough before night of the 27th Tarry with Gerrit Smith until the 3d of March Go thence to Homer (instead of coming to Syracuse) for the 4 & 5th — and then easily to Auburn for the 7th & 8th — and to Rochester for the 13th & 14th —

On this plan, you will be absent from only the Union Village Convention named in Foster's arrangement & substitute Homer — for Syracuse —

It is already advertised, that Br Thompson will lecture before our Franklin Institute on the 21st — but if you and he think best to fall in with Br Hosters arrangement, I will have Br Thompsons lecture to the Institute announced for Friday March 7th — and he will then be able to be at Canaseraga on the 8th —

It was not my intention to call a Convention here — but merely to send out word far & near, that Geo Thompson and Wm L. Garrison will speak on Slavery in the City Hall Syracuse on Saturday ~~February~~ 22 — and also in the Unitarian Church, on the afternoon and evening of the 23d — and, if you are willing — again on the eve of the 24th either in our City Hall or in the Congregational Church —

Let me hear from you, without an hours unnecessary delay.

Yours truly
Samuel J. May

Peterboro — Madison Co — Feb. 28 & March 1st
Syracuse — Wed & Thurs. March 5 & 6th
Auburn — Friday & Saturday 7 & 8th
Rochester — Thursday & Friday — 13th & 14th

Among the distinguished speakers engaged to attend these Conventions are George Thompson — &c &c &c &c —

The above advertisement, Porter wishes me to publish in the newspapers this week — but I shall not do so until I hear from you — and know whether Thompson and you have had communication with Porter and have agreed to the above arrangement.

Please answer this by return of mail

If you think best to adhere to your intention of coming to Syracuse first, and being here on the 20th — then I wish you to determine whether you will (in pursuance of Garrit Smith's plan now before me) spend the 25 & 26th at Peterboro — that he may send out hand bills throughout that region — and bring in as he undoubtedly can a larger Convention than the largest Church in his village can hold —

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Syracuse, Feb. 11. 1851

Dear Garrison

I am in a dilemma, from which you and Mr Thompson alone can deliver me. Immediately on the receipt of your & his letters last week I saw notice in the papers that you would be here on the 20-21-22-23 &c — and wrote to Gerrit Smith and Frederick Douglass, requesting each of them to send me some suggestions, that might help us, when you come, to lay out your plan of operations in the best way. —

This evening, I have received letters from them naming the most suitable places for you to hold meetings

But the same post brings me a letter from Stephen S. Foster containing an advertisement, to be published in our papers, of a Series of Anti Slavery Conventions to be attended by George Thompson and others — as follows

Union Village — Washington County on Tuesday & Friday 20 & 21 inst
West Wintfield — Herkimer Co 25 & 26th —